IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~On a computer in communication with an imaging source device, a~~ A method for transferring ~~the~~ an image from ~~the~~ an imaging source device to a destination in a computer system having more than one possible destination for the images, where at least two of the possible destinations are alternative hardware devices, the method comprising:

selecting one of the possible destinations at a user interface; and

~~receiving the image from the imaging source device; and~~

automatically transferring the image to the selected destination in response to the selection ~~through the computer in such a way as to give a user the impression that transfer occurred directly from the imaging source device to the destination~~.

Claim 2 (Original): A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of automatically transferring the image includes ~~computer has a hard drive, the method further comprising~~ storing the image on a ~~the computer's~~ hard drive of the computer system before it is delivered to the selected destination ~~in preparation for transfer to the destination~~.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the destination is selected from a group of possible destinations comprising a printer, a CD-write device, a web site, and an email recipient.

Claims 6-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A ~~computer-implemented~~ method for transferring an image from an imaging source device to a destination <u>in a computer system having more than one possible destination for the images, where at least two of the possible destinations are alternative hardware devices</u>, ~~wherein the imaging source device is in communication with a computer having a computer-readable medium, and wherein the destination is external to the computer,~~ the method comprising:

prompting a user to select ~~the external~~ <u>one of the possible</u> destination<u>s</u> to which the image is to be transferred;

storing the image on ~~the~~ <u>a</u> computer-readable medium; and

<u>automatically</u> transferring the image from the computer-readable medium to the ~~external~~ <u>selected</u> destination <u>in response to the user selection</u> ~~to give the user the impression the transfer is directly from the imaging source device~~.

Claim 10 (Original): A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 9.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, wherein the computer-readable medium is a hard disk of the computer <u>or a removable memory</u>.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, wherein the ~~external~~ destination <u>is selected from a group of possible destinations comprising</u> ~~is~~ <u>a</u> web site<u>,</u> <u>a printer, a removable memory device, and an email recipient</u>.

Claims 14-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): ~~On a computer having a computer-readable medium, a~~ <u>A</u> method for transferring an image from an imaging source device <u>connected</u>

to a computer system to a storage site on a network identified by a network browser running on the computer system~~an on-line web community the imaging source device being linked for communication with the computer~~, the method comprising:

receiving a user selection representing a desire to transfer the image to one of the storage sites~~the web community~~;

storing the image on ~~the~~ a computer-readable medium; and

automatically transferring the image from the computer-readable medium to the storage site ~~web community~~ in response to the selection ~~in such a way as to give the user the impression the transfer is directly from the imaging source device~~.

Claim 18 (Original): A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 17.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 17~~,~~ wherein the imaging source device is a digital camera or a scanner.

Claim 20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 17~~,~~ further comprising: loading a plug-in module adapted to transferring the image to the selected storage site~~web community~~.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The method of claim ~~20~~21, further comprising:

presenting the user with a plurality of destinations for the image, the plurality including ~~the~~ site at an on-line web community, wherein the loaded plug-in module is one of a plurality of plug-in modules, wherein each plug-in module is adapted to transfer the image from the imaging source device to a particular destination and is loadable by the image helper program in response to the ~~user selecting the particular~~ selected destination.

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Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A system for transferring an image from an imaging source device to a destination ~~via~~ in a computer system having more than one possible destination for the images, where at least two of the possible destinations are alternative storage devices, the system comprising:

a computer having a computer-readable medium; an imaging source device for providing a video image to the computer; and

a user interface for selecting one of the possible destinations; and

an image helper program module executing on the computer, wherein the image helper program module is operable to automatically transfer the image from the imaging source device to the selected destination in response the selection from the user interface ~~via the computer-readable medium in such as way as to appear to a user of the computer that the image is being transferred directly from the imaging source device to the destination~~.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 23~~,~~ further comprising: a plug-in module adapted to transfer the image from the imaging source device to the selected destination, wherein the image helper program module loads the plug-in module in response to ~~a user selection of~~ the selected destination.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 24~~,~~ wherein the image helper program module includes a standard application programming interface through which the plug-in module communicates.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The system of claim ~~22~~23, further comprising: a plurality of plug-in modules, wherein each plug-in module is adapted to automatically transfer the image from the imaging source device to ~~a particular~~ the selected destination, and wherein, in response to ~~a user's~~ the selection ~~of a destination~~, the image helper program module loads the plug-in module for the selected destination.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable medium having stored thereon: an image helper program for receiving a user selection on a computer system having more than one possible destination ~~of a destination~~ to which an image originating from an imaging source device is to be sent, where at least two of the possible destinations are alternative storage devices, and wherein the image helper program includes a programming interface; and

at least one plug-in associated with the selected destination, wherein the plug-in is invoked by the image helper program upon receiving the user selection of the destination and communicates with the image helper program via the programming interface to transfer the image from the imaging source device to the selected destination ~~via a computer-readable medium of the computer in such a way as to appear to a user that the image is being transferred directly from the imaging source device to the destination~~.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium of claim ~~22~~27, further comprising: a still-image processing layer, wherein still-image processing layer represents the imaging source device to the image helper program to facilitate the transfer of the image from the imaging source device to the destination.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A computer implemented method for transferring an image from an imaging source device to a destination in a computer system having more than one possible destination for the images, where at least two of the possible destinations are alternative storage devices, the method comprising:

selecting one of the possible destinations at a user interface;

~~receiving the image from the imaging source device;~~

loading a plug-in module corresponding to the selected destination in response to the selection; and

~~using the plug-in module to~~ automatically transferring the image to the selected destination using the loaded plug-in module.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 29, further comprising storing the image on the ~~computer's~~ hard drive <u>of the computer system</u> in preparation for transfer to the <u>selected</u> destination.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 29, wherein the destination is <u>selected from a group of possible destinations comprising</u> a printer, a CD-write device, a web site, and an email recipient.

Claims 32-34 (Canceled).